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Report

of the

Medical Officer of Health

for the year 1966

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Hay Urban District

Report of the Medical Officer of Health

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Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my report on the sanitary conditions and the state of the public health in the Hay Urban District during the year 1966.

In this report I have endeavoured to deal briefly with all matters within my responsibility regarding public health and preventive medicine and I have included comments on all the subjects specifically requested in Circular 1/67(Wales) by the Welsh Board of Health.

Section 1. General and Vital Statistics

Area ..... 370 acres.

Population

Census 1931 ..... 1509.
Census 1951 ..... 1452.
Census 1961 ..... 1321.
Estimated Midsummer 1966 ..... 1310.

The Registrar General's estimated population for each of the last ten years is shown below:

1957.	1958.	1959.	1960.	1961.	1962.	1963.	1964.	1965.	1966.
1420	1430	1420	1410	1310	1310	1320	1320	1310	1310

Live Births	Males.	Females.	Total.	Crude rate per 1000 Pop.
Legitimate	10.	9.	19.	
Illegitimate	1.	0.	1.	
	11.	9.	20 .	15.2.

The corrected birthrate was 18.5
The corresponding rate for the whole of England and Wales was 17.7
The district rate was therefore higher than the national average and also higher than the district death rate.

Illegitimacy One illegitimate birth was registered during the year.

Deaths	Males.	Females.	Total.	Crude rate per 1000 Pop.
	10.	9.	19.	14.5

The corrected deathrate was 8.2.
The corresponding rate for the whole of England and Wales was 11.7.
The district rate was therefore lower than the national average and lower that the district birthrate.

Still Births	Males.	Females.	Total.	Rate per 1000 live and still births.
	1.	0.	1.	47.6

The corresponding rate for the whole of England and Wales was 15.4.
The district rate was therefore higher than the national average.

Infantile Mortality There were no deaths registered during the year in children of under one year of age.

Total Mortality Rate ..... 0.
Mortality Rate for the whole of England and Wales..... 19.0

Maternal Deaths. No deaths during the year could be attributed to childbirth, which was very satisfactory.

Maternal Mortality Rate ..... 0.

Inhabited Houses The number of inhabited houses was 493 giving an average number of 2.7 persons per house.

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Deaths from Special Causes.

Infectious Diseases	Nil.
Respiratory tuberculosis	Nil.
Other forms of tuberculosis	Nil.
Cancer	Five.

Analysis of Causes of Deaths Males .....10. Females..... 9.

	Males.	Females
Malignant neoplasm, breast	0	1.
Vascular lesions, nervous system	3	1.
Coronary disease	3	2.
Other heart disease	2	2
Bronchitis	0	1.
Other diseases	1	0.
Motor Vehicle accidents	0	1.
Suicide	1	1.

Morturary and Post Morte Facilities During the year, with the kind co-operation of the County Welfare Committee, a room at Cockroft House continued to be used. Hay R.D.C. also use this building for the same purposes. During the year, alternative post mortem facilities were discussed, and arrangements were made for future post mortem examinations to be performed at Hereford Hospital.

Section 2. General Provisions of Health Services .

Public Health Officers There were no changes in your public health officers during the year, Mr. W.D. Morgans remaining as your Public Health Inspector

Laboratory Facilities During the year laboratory facilities were available at Hereford, Cardiff, Newport, Carmarthen, Swansea and Brecon. All water samples were sent to the Public Health Laboratory at Hereford, whilst any investigation required in the control of infectious disease was performed at the Public Health Laboratories at Cardiff and Hereford.

All the milk testing was done by the Public Health Laboratory at Carmarthen.

Nursing and Other Facilities. The County Council is responsible for the provision of the ambulance and home nursing services. The County also administer the maternity and child welfare clinics, where treatment is available for minor ailments, dental, eye and orthopaedic defects. Immunisation against diptheria is also carried out at these clinics.

Hospitals. The hospital needs of the residents of the district for all disease apart from infectious disease are provided by Hereford Hospital and Brecon War Memorial Hospital. Merthyr Isolation Hospital receive cases of infectious disease.

Section 3 - Sanitary Circumstances

Water Supplies

The Radnorshire and North Breconshire Water Board, which was formed in August 1965, took over all existing and proposed water supplies on 1st. April, 1966, when the Urban District Council ceased to be responsible for water supplies in their district.

The following water samples were taken by the Public Health Department and the results notified to the Water Board:

Hay Common Supply : -	Number of samples taken	9.
	" " " satisfactory	3.
	" " " suspicious	3.
	" " " unsatisfactory	3.
Llangwathen Supply :-	Number of samples taken	5.
	" " " satisfactory	2.
	" " " suspicious	1.
	" " " unsatisfactory	2.

Number of houses in the district ..... 493.
Number of houses supplied from public mains .....491.

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Hay Area Water Scheme

Messrs Grocock and Day of Leicester, the contractors engaged in carrying out work on this scheme continued with the laying of mains and the construction of reservoirs and pumping stations in the Hay and Painscastle Districts. As from 1st April 1966 the Radnorshire and North Breconshire Water Board took over the management of this scheme.

Drainage and Sewerage - Hay Sewerage Scheme

Tenders were invited during the year for carrying out the sewerage disposal scheme for the town of Hay, and the Welsh Office approved the tenders for the various parts of the scheme which were accepted by the Council. Most of the administrative details were cleared during the year and it was anticipated that actual work would be commenced by the contractors early in 1967.

Public Cleansing

Twice weekly collection of house and trade refuse is undertaken in the town by the Council's lorry and workmen jointly with Hay and Painscastle Rural District Councils under the supervision of the Public Health Inspector. The refuse being disposed of by controlled tipping on the Clyro refuse tip.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area

The Sanitary inspection of the area is undertaken by the Public Health Inspector and the following details give information for 1966:-

Nuisances

Number of complaints received	18
Number of complaints investigated	18
Number of premises inspected	16
Number of premises re-visited	6
Number of Preliminary Notices served	5
Number of Abatement Notices served	0

Drainage

Number of inspections to drainage work 12

Offensive Trades

There are no offensive trades in the district.

Common Lodging Houses

There are no Common Lodging Houses in the District.

Licensed Premises

There are 8 licensed premises, 2 licensed clubs and 3 off-licence shops in the district.
Number of inspections during 1966 10

Shops

Number of inspections 18

Caravan Sites

There are no licensed Caravan Sites in the District.

Eradication of Bed Bugs

No cases were investigated during the year.

Rodent control

One full-time Rodent Operator is employed by the Council, jointly with Hay and Painscastle Rural District Councils and he works under the supervision of the Public Health Inspector.

Number of premises inspected during 1966	216
Number of premises found infested	64
Number of premises treated by the Rodent Operator	41
Number of premises treated by the Occupier	23
Estimated number of rats killed in 1966	403
Number of dead rats picked up in 1966	77

A total of 16 sewer manholes were treated during the year and 7 showed evidence of rat infestation. 7 road gullies were also treated and 4 of these showed rat infestation.

Legal Proceedings

No legal proceedings were undertaken by the Council during 1966.

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Section 4. - Housing

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13 applicants requiring bungalows
14 " " 2-bedroom houses
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1 " " 4-bedroom house.

Two of the applicants were living in rooms and three in caravans.
15 applicants were living in houses which were considered to be unfit.

Housing Grants

One application for a Discretionary Grant was approved during the year for a total of £400. 0. 0.

Six applications for Standard Grant were approved during the year for a total of £1,222.

The following Table shows the number of applications received by the Council for Housing Grants during the past four years :-

	1963	1964	1965	1966
Discretionary Grants	2	0	0	1
Standard Grants	4	3	5	6

Although there was a slight increase in the number of applications for House Improvement Grants during the year, it is disappointing to note that few property owners are taking advantage of this financial aid for the improvement of dwellings capable of being brought up to a higher standard of structural fitness and providing modern amenities.

Housing Act 1957

1). Number of houses demolished ..... 0.
2). Number of unfit houses closed ..... 0.
3). Number of unfit houses made fit and houses in which defects were remedied 3
4). Number of unfit houses in temporary use..... 0
5). Number of houses unfit at the end of the year 73

Undertakings were given by the owners of two properties that they would not be used for human habitation until brought up to the required standard and this work was in hand.

A circular from the Welsh Office received during the year requests local authorities to look into the question of the gipsy population. There are two such families in the Urban District which, it would seem, require some consideration as to permanent housing, if, as the Secretary of State considers, they are to improve amongst other things, their children and education. The circular asked local authorities, including County Councils, to treat the problem with some urgency regarding the health, welfare, education and housing problems which arise. It is suggested that each County Council should take the initiative in assessing the need in its area in consultation with the District Councils and decide how the need can best be met. The Urban District Council have been in consultation with the County Planning Officer regarding the establishment of a permanent caravan site and it may be possible to set aside a portion of the site to house such people where they could have better facilities and be under suitable supervision.

Forest Road Housing Site

The contract for provision of roads, sewers and water mains was substantially completed by the end of the year, and tenders were invited for the erection of 18 houses and 12 bungalows on the above-named site.

The 9 plots set aside for private development were all sold and 7 of the developers had submitted their building plans.

Housing Inspections

Number of housing inspections were made during 1966 ..... 32.

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The 3 plots set aside for private development were all sold and 2 of the developers had submitted their building plans.

Housing Inspections

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Section 5. Inspection and Supervision of Food

Milk

There are two producer/retailers selling milk in the district who hold licences for designated milk. There is one dealer selling T.T., Pasteurised and Sterilised milk who operates from a Dairy situated in the town.

Meat

There is one licensed slaughterhouse in the town which is situated at the rear of the Butcher's Shop at No. 8 Broad Street.

Number of inspections to the slaughterhouse 92
Animals killed and inspected ..... Cattle..... 177
Sheep 659
Calves 0
Pigs 127

Carcases and Offal Inspected and Condemned in whole or in part.

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed and inspected	177	0	659	127	0
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis					
Whole carcases condemned	0	0	1	0	0
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	10	0	8	1	0
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis & cysticercosis	56	-	1.2	0.80	-
Tuberculosis only					
Whole carcases condemned	0	-	0	1	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	0	-	0	0	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	0	-	0	0.80	-
Cysticercosis					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	0	-	0	0	-
Cascases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	0	-	0	0	-
Generalised and totally condemned	0	-	0	0	-

Meat Inspection Regulation 1963

The Hay Urban District Council make the maximum permitted charge under the Regulations for inspection of animals at the slaughterhouse :-

2s. 6d. per beast (other than a calf)
9d. per calf or pig
6d. per sheep or lamb.

Meat Inspection (Amendment) Regulations 1966

In accordance with the requirements of these regulations the following days and times of slaughtering at the slaughterhouse were approved by the Council :-

Mondays	8.30 a.m. to 5.0p.m.
"	7.0 p.m. to 9.0p.m.
Wednesdays	2.0 p.m. to 5.0p.m.
Thursdays	2.0 p.m. to 5.0p.m.

Other foods

There are 31 shops dealing in foods in the Urban District and these are tabulated as follows :-

Grocers (general)	10
Greengrocers/Confectioners	2
Greengrocers	2
Greengrocers/Fishmongers	1
Grocers/Bakers	1
Confectioners/Tobacconists	5
Restaurants.....	4
Fish and Chip Shops	2
Butchers	4

Foods condemned from shops:- ..... 84 tins.
72 lbs.

Food Preparation rooms (including bakehouses)

There are 9 such premises in the district as follows :-

4 butchers preparing pressed, pickled or potted meats and sausages.
4 premises where food is prepared in cafes.
1 bakery.

Number of inspections made duing the year 29
Number of Preliminary Notices served. 2

No special examination of a shop's stock or consignement of food was necessary during the year.

Ice-Cream premises

There are 12 Ice-Cream Retailers in the district; 10 of these sell pre-packed ice-cream, one is a producer/retailer and one makes his product by the cold-mix.
Number of inspections made during 1966 18
No samples were submitted for analysis.

Fried Fish Shops

There are two such premises in the district.
No of inspections made 13

Section6. Prevalence and Control of Infectious Diseases

The following cases of notifiable infectious diseases were reported to me during the year:-

Influenzal pneumonia ---	1 case
Measles	17 cases

The district was, therefore, reasonably free from infectious diseases.
No deaths occurred as a result of infectious disease.

Venereal Disease The County Council has an agreement with the General and Eye Hospital, Swansea, for the treatment of these cases. The Tracing of contacts and the following up of defaulters is the responsibility of the County Council.

Tuberculosis The following details show the position as regards tuberculosis in recent years.

Number of cases on Register at commencement of year 16
Number of fresh cases added during the year 0
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Number of cases removed as left district 2
Number of cases left on Register at end of year.....13

The number of notifications in recent years is shown below:-

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Butchers.....	4
Fish and Chip Shops	2
Bakers	4

Foods condemned from shops:- ..... 84 ylns.
72 lbs.

Food Preparation Rooms (Including Kitchenettes)

There are 29 such premises in the district as follows :-

4 bakeries preparing pressed, pickles or potted meats and sausages.

4 premises where food is prepared in cribs.

1 bakery.

Number of inspections made during the year 29

Number of Facilities Notices served. 2

No special examination of a shop's stock or consignment of food was necessary during the year.

Ice-Cream Premises

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Petrol Tank Stores

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APPENDIX

Factories Acts 1937 to 1959

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1966 FOR THE URBAN DISTRICT OF HAY IN THE COUNTY OF BRECONSHIRE.

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1937

Part 1 of the Act

1. - INSPECTIONS for purpose of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of Inspections (3)	Number of Written Notices (4)	Number of Occupiers prosecuted. (5)
1. Factories in which Sections 1,2,3, 4&6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	-	-	-	-
ii. Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	15	9	-	-
iii. Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	-	-	-	-
Total	15	9	-	-

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found
(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more cases)

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found: Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred to H.M. Inspector (4)	Referred to By H.M. Inspector (5)	Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
Want of cleanliness (S.1.)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2.)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3.)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4.)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6.)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7.) (a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to out-work)	3	3	-	1	-
Total	3	3	-	1	-

There was no outwork done in the district during the year.

Yours faithfully,

T.C.R. George,

Medical Officer of Health.

Bay Urban District

APPENDIX

Factories Acts 1937 to 1959

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Part 1 of the Act

1. - INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

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Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6.)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences (S.7.) (a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
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Sanitary Officer of Health.